THE BLACK ROBE.

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"THE WOMAN IN WHITE," "THE MOON STONE," "AFTER DARK," "NO NAME," "MAN AND WIFE," "THE LAW AND THE LADY," "THE NEW MAG-DALEN," ETC., ETC.

"There is no need for me to trouble you with a narrative of what I saw-favored by Doctor Wybrow's introduction -at the French boy's bedside. It was simply a repetition of what I had already heard. There he lay at the height of the fever asking, in the intervals of relief, intelligent questions relative to the medicines administered to him, and perfectly understanding the answers. He was irritable when we asked him to take his memory back to the time before his illness, and then he answered in French: "I haven't got

"But I have something else to tell you, which is deserving of your best attention. The envelope and its inclo- Barnard, or sir? It doesn't matter. I sures (addressed to 'Bernard Winter- am going to do one of the few good field, Esq.'), are in my possession. The actions of my life, and familiarities or Christian name sufficiently identifies the inscription with the Winterfield who lies on her deathbed.

discovery was made were related to me by the proprietor of the asylum.

"When the boy was brought to the and the odd concealment of his waistcoat on the last occasion when he had returned from one of his vagrant out-

house to make sure that nothing likely to be turned to evil uses were concealed by a patient. The seal which had amination to have been broken.

the inclosures. They refer to private days what a different woman I might affairs of Mr. Winterfield in which he have been. is deeply interested, and they ought to have been long since placed in his pos-

help me. A second letter to the French | care for my thoughts of you now? ladies only produced the same result. responsibility on honorable terms.'

"All this was said in the boy's presence. He lay listening to it as if it had could not resist the useless desire to question him. Not speaking French myself-although I can read the language-I asked Doctor Wybrow and his friend to interpret for me.

"My questions led to nothing. The French boy knew no more about the letter than I did.

mind, for suspecting him of imposing on us. When I said: "'Perhaps you stole it?' he answered. quite composedly:

"'Very likely; they tell me I have been mad; I don't remember it myself; but mad people do strange things.'

"'And you broke the seal, and looked at the papers?'

"'And then you kept them hidden, you? Or, perhaps, feeling ashamed of what you had done, and meaning to re- in the mischief I had done. store them if you got the opportunity?

tried to find out where he had been, and took her away from you-with her own what people had taken care of him, entire approval-at the church-door, during his last vagrant escape from and restored her to society without a home. It was a new revelation to him stain on her reputation. How the Brusthat he had been anywhere. With evi- | sels marriage was kept a secret I could dent interest, he applied to us to tell not find out. And when I threatened him where he had wandered to, and them with exposure I got a lawyer's let-

estion of how to place the papers,

sition toward him at the present time. keep their own secrets and avoid ex-Mr. Winterfield has made an ap- posure, to which the poor, in their tment with me to call in a few days is hotel in London,' I said. 'I shall bably be the first friend who sees him on his return from Paris. If you will trust me with your sealed packet, in consideration of these circumstances, I when you married and cruelly injured will give you a formal receipt for it in Doctor Wybrow's presence, and I will add any written pledge that you may require on my part, acting as Mr. Winterfield's representative and friend. Perhaps you would like a reference as well?

"He made a courteous reply. . said, 'requires no other reference,'

me as his spiritual director and friend.' "This account of myself settled the matter. I wrote the necessary securities, and I have all the papers lying be-

fore me on my desk at this moment. "You remember how seals were broken and impressed again, at the Roman postoffice, in the revolutionary days when we were both young men? Thanks to the knowledge then obtained, the extraordinary events which once associated Mr. Winterfield and Miss Eyrecourt are at last plainly revealed to me. Copies of the papers are in my possession, and the originals are sealed again with the crest of the proprietor of

"I don't propose to make any premature use of the information which I have obtained. The first and foremost necessity, as I have already reminded you, is to give Penrose the undisturbed opportunity of completing the conversion of Remayne.

THE STOLEN PAPERS. Number One .- From Emma Winterfield to Bernard Winterfield

"4. Maidwell Buildings, Belhaven. "How shall I address you? Dear formalities matter nothing to a woman

"Yes; I have met with another accifall in the circus that fractured my skull? On that occasion a surgical house, two French ladies (his mother operation, and a bit of silver plate in and sister) accompanied him, and men- place of the bone, put me right again. tioned what had been their own domes- This time it has been the kick of a horse tic experience of the case. They de- in the stables. Some internal injury is scribed the wandering propensities the consequence. I may die to-morrow, which took the lad away from home, or live till next week. Anyway, the will be kept open until the last moment.

"Mind one thing. The drink-that "On his first night at the asylum he | banished me from your house—the drink became excited by finding himself in a | is not to blame for this last misfortune. strange place. It was necessary to give | Only the day before it happened I had him a composing draught. On going to taken the pledge, under persuasion of bed he was purposely not prevented the good rector here, the Reverend Mr. from hiding his waistcoat under the pil- Fennick. It is he who has brought me to make this confession, and who takes "When the sedative had produced it down in writing at my bedside. Do the request which, in her exhausted himself of the hidden garment. It was very name of a parson-and when you in her own words. the registrar, how I took it in downright earnest, and kept you to your word? We poor horse-riders and acrosecured the envelope was found on ex- bats only knew clergymen as the worst enemies we had-always using their in-

"I would not have broken the seal fluence to keep people out of our show myself,' our host added. 'But, as things and the bread out of our mouths. If I were. I thought it my duty to look at had met with Mr. Fennick in my younger "Well, regrets of that kind are use less now. I am truly sorry, Bernard, session. I reed scarcely say that I con- for the evil that I have done you, and I boy's waiscoat, so that he might feel it the allowance that you offered me. I

in its place under the lining when he respected your name. For seven years woke. The original envelope and in- from the time of our separation I reclosures (with a statement of circum- turned to my profession under an asstances signed by my assistant and my- sumed name, and never troubled you. self) have been secured under another | The one thing I could not do was to forcover, sealed with my own seal. I have get you. If you were infatuated by my done my best to discover Mr. Bernard unlucky beauty I loved devotedly on Winterfield. He appears not to live in my side. The well-born gentleman who London. At least, I failed to find his had sacrificed everything for my sake name in the directory. I wrote next, was something more than mortal in my mentioning what had happened, to the estimation; he was-no! I won't shock English gentleman to whom I send re- the good man who writes this by saying ports of the lad's health. He couldn't what he was. Besides, what do you

"If you had only been content to re-I own I should be glad to get rid of my main as I left you-or if I had not found for a few days. Until I hear from you you out paying your addresses to Miss he will remain under charge of my ser- methim more than half-way, and pressed Evrecourt, when you believed that eeath had released you from me-I should senting to be your wife.

matter how. Our circus was in Devon- and helpless creature under competent shire at the time. My jealous rage protection. Failing your assistance. maddened me, and I had a wicked admirer in a man who was old enough to | may regret it, but to send him to the "There was no discoverable motive, the way to my favor lay through help- probably, to the public asylum. ing my revenge on the woman who was money to have you watched at home and abroad; he put the false announcement closures may be delayed in reaching of my death in the daily newspapers to you. complete your delusion; he baffled the inquiries made through your lawvers to to my house before it occurred to me obtain positive proof of my death. And that Mrs. Winterfield had not men-

"'Or, perhaps, you took it away out last, and (in those wicked days) best tioned your address. My only excuse had remained silent she would have service of all, he took me to Brussels and posted me at the door of the English | much distressed while I was writing by | But he was hurt, on his side, by the church, so that your lawful wife (with her bedside. I at once went back to her marriage certificate in her hand) her lodgings, but she had fallen asleep, was the first person who met you and and I dare not disturb her. This mornthe mock Mrs. Winterfield on your way ing when I returned to the house she thinking they might be of some use to from the altar to the wedding breakfast. was dead. There is an allusion to

"But I had deserved to suffer; and I did suffer, when I heard that Miss "The same result followed when we Evrecourt's mother and her two friends to hold my tongue. The rector has since told me that the marriage could be lawfully declared null and void, and can now well understand that people ntioned, I stated plainly my own with rank and money to help them can

"One more duty (the last) still re-

mains to be done. "I declare solemnly, on my deathbed that you acted in perfect good faith when you married Miss Eyrecourt. You by me, but vilely insulted and misjudged by the two Eyrecourts, and by the lord | don. and lady who encouraged them to set you down as a villain guilty of heartless and shameless deceit.

"It is my conviction that these peo-"'A friend of Doctor Wybrov's,' he terpret your honorable submission to be now merely questions of time." the circumstances in which you were "'Excuse me,' I persisted, 'I had the placed. They might have prosecuted honor of meeting Doctor Wybrow for the | you for bigamy, if they could have got first time yesterday. Permit me to refer | me to appear against you. I am com-

you to Lord Loring, who has long known | forted when I remember that I did make some small amends. I kept out of their way and yours from that day to this. "I am told that I owe it to you to

leave proof of my death behind me. "When the doctor writes my certificate, he will mention the mark by which I may be identified, if this reaches you (as I hope and believe it will) between the time of my death and my burial. The rector, who will close and seal these lines as soon as the breath is out of my body, will add what he can to identify me; and the landlady of this house is ready to answer any question that may be put to her. This time you may be really assured that you are free. When the asylum, as if nothing had hap- I am buried, and they show you my nameless grave in the churchyard, I know your kind heart -I die, Bernard, in the firm belief that you will forgive

> "There was one thing more that I had to ask of you, relating to a poor creature who is in the room with us at this moment. But, oh, I am so weary! Mr. Fennick will tell you what it is. Say to yourself sometimes-perhaps when you have married some lady who is worthy of you-there was good as well as bad in poor Emma. Farewell."

Number Two .- From the Reverend Charles Fennick to Bernard Winterfield.

"The Rectory, Belhaven. "SIR-It is my sad duty to inform you that Mrs. Emma Winterfield died this morning a little before 5 o'clock. dent. Shortly after the date of our I will add no comment of mine to the separation, you heard, I think, of the touching language in which she has addressed you. God has, I most sincerely believe, accepted the poor sinner's repentance. Her contrite spirit is at peace, among the forgiven ones in the dawned. Feeling the truest pity for world beyond the grave.

"In consideration of her wish that you should see her ir. death, the coffin doctor has confessed it, my time has The medical man in attendance has kindly given me a copy of his certificate, which I inclose. You will see vile habit which lost me your love and that the remains are identified by the priest." description of a small silver plate on the right parietal bone of the skull.

"I need scarcely add that all the in- priest?" formation I can give you is willingly at "She mentions, poor soul! something

which she had to ask of you. I prefe its effect the attendant easily possessed you remember how I once hated the state, she was unable to address to you

to ours, a wandering lad, evidently of that." deficient intelligence, was discovered what was going on. He could give no intelligible account of himself. The late Mrs. Winterfield, whose early life I understand to have been passed in France, discovered that the boy was fortunate creature, from former happy me for respecting his confidence." associations with kind friends of his

"I say 'appeared,' because an inveterate reserve marks one of the peculiarities of the mental affliction from which he suffers. Even his benefactress never could persuade him to take her into his confidence. In other respects, her influence, so far as I can learn, had been successfully exerted in restraining certain mischievous propensities in him which occasionally showed themselves. The effect of her death has been to inalready alluded. He is sullen and irritable, and the good landlady at the lodgings does not disguise that she shrinks from taking care of him even

"You have, no doubt, anticipated the been a story told of some one else. I have lived and died, doing you no other request which the poor sufferer wished kiss as warmly as it was given, and then, injury than the first great injury of con- to address to you but a few hours before her death. She hoped that you to the subject. I made the discovery—it doesn't | might be willing to place this friendless I shall have no alternative, however I | the form which happens to be yours." workhouse of this town, on his way,

> "Believe me, sir, your faithful ser-"P.S .- I fear my letter and its in-

"Yesterday evening I had returned for this forgetfulness is that I was very "I own it, to my shame. I triumphed Devonshire in her letter, which suggests that your residence may be in that county; and I think she once spoke of you as a person of rank and fortune Having failed to find your name in a London directory, I am now about to search our free library here for a county history of Devon, on the chance that it may assist me. Let me add, for your own satisfaction, that no eyes but mine will see these papers. For security's sake, I shall seal them at once and write your name on the envelope."

> Added by Father Bennell. "How the boy contrived to posses himself of the sealed packet we shall probably never know. He was in the room-as the confession mentions while the rector was writing from the dying woman's dictation. On the next employed over his own letter, and might have put the two writings together in his crazy brain. Anyhow, we know that he must have escaped from the rectory with the papers in his possession, and that he did certainly get back to his mother and sister in Lon-

"With such complete information as I now have at my disposal, the prospect is as clear again as we can desire. The separation of Romayne from his wife, ple might have done more than misin- and the alteration of his will seem to THE END OF THE THILD BOOK

> BOOK THE FOURTH. CHAPTER I .- THE BREACH IS WIDENED. A fortnight after Father Benwell's struck. Never yet had he looked at her old French law.

discovery Stella followed her husband as he looked when he spoke his last one morning into his study. "Have warning words. With a heavy sigh she you heard from Mr. Penrose?" she in-"Yes. He will be here to-morrow."

WINNSBORO, S. C.,

"To make a long visit?" "I hope so. The longer the better." She looked at him with a mingled ex pression of surprise and reproach. "Why do you say that?" she asked. "Why do you want bim so much-when you

Thus far he had been sitting at his desk, resting his head on his hand, with his downcast eyes fixed on an open book. When she put her last question to him, he suddenly looked up. Through the large window at his side, the morning light fell on his face. The haggard look of suffering which Stella remembered on the day when they met on the deck of the steamboat was again visible, not softened and chastened now by the touching resignation of the bygone time, but intensified by the dogged and de- are held. spairing endurance of a man weary of relies of a lo himself and his life. Her heart ached for him. She said, softly: "I don't mean to reproach you."

"Are you jealous of Penrose?" he asked, with a bitter smile.

She desperately told him the truth. "I am afraid of Penrose," she answered He eyed her with a strange expresyou afraid of Penrose?"

It was no time to run the risk of irritating him. The torment of the voice had returned in the past night. The old gnawing remorse of the fatal day of the duel had betrayed itself in the wild words that escaped him, when he sank into a broken slumber as the morning him, she was still resolute to assert herself against the coming interference of Penrose. She tried her ground by a dangerous means-the means of an in-

"I think you might have told me, she said, "that Mr. Penrose was

He looked down again at his book. How did you know Penrose was a "I had only to look at the direction on your letters to him."

"Well, and what is there to frighten at the Lorings' ball that you took an interest in Penrose because I liked

"I didn't know then, Lewis, that he profession from us. cus were taking place in the next county | I can't he'p distrusting a man who does

might as well say you distrust a man who conceals that he is an author, by writing an anonymous book. What Penrose did, he did under orders from Entered R. B. S. Recorded, J. J. W. his superior-and, moreover, he frankly owned to me that he was a priest. If you French, and felt interested in the un- blame anybody, you had better blame

Stella," he answered. "It's a little affectionate friend that man ever had. Why can't I love my wife and love my friend too? You don't know, when I am trying to get on with my book, how I tensify that reserve to which I have miss the help and sympathy of Penrose. The very sound of his voice used to encourage me. Come, Stella, give me a kiss-and let us, as the children say,

He rose from his writing-table. She all her love-and perhaps a little of her fear too-on his lips. . He returned the

"My own love," he said, "try to like of other forms of Christianity besides Her smiling lips closed; she turned from him. With the sensitive selfish-Penrose as a robber who had stolen the sympathies which should have been wholly hers. As she moved away her quick observation noticed the open a wreck in seventy feet of water on the book on the desk, with notes and lines in pencil on the margin of the page. What had Romayne been reading which had interested him in that way? If he addressed the inquiry to him openly. sudden manner of her withdrawal from him. He spoke, and his tone was colder

judices," he said. "But one thing I must seriously ask of you. When my friend Penrose comes here to-morrow don't treat him as you treated Mr. Win-

There was a momentary paleness in her face which looked like fear, but it passed away again. She confronted him firmly, with bright, steady eyes. "Why do you refer again to that?"

she asked. "Is-" (she hesitated and re- with oyster shells. covered herself)-" is Mr. Winterfield another devoted friend of yours?" He walked to the door, as if he could

scarcely trust his temper if he answered her, stopped, and thinking better of it, turned toward her again. "We won't quarrel, Stella," he rejoined; "I will only say I am sorry you don't appreciate my forbearance. Your

reception of Mr. Winterfield has lost me the friendship of a man whom I sincerely and anxious about Mrs. Eyrecourt. 1 ble tones adapted to the belfry of the history of war within all the tide of port on an average annually 2,000 head. literary labors. You were ill at the time, dred patterns, extending from the treb- marvel even to themselves, and the respected your devotion to your mother. I remembered you telling me when you first went away to nurse her, that your conscience accused you of having sometimes thoughtlessly neglected your mother in her days of health and good spirits, and I admired the motive of atonement which took you to her bedsaving a word that might wound you. But, because I was silent, it is not the pointed me. Don't do it again!"

He left the room. She stood, looking after him as he

roused herself. The vague dread with

which his tone rather than his words had inspired her, strangely associated itself with the momentary curiosity which she had felt on noticing the annotated book that lay on his desk. She snatched up the volume and looked at the open page. With tremturn the eye toward the great pile of bling hands she turned back to the title-page. It presented this written inscription: "To Lewis Romavne from his attached friend and servant, Arthur "God help me!" she said to herself. "the priest has got between us al-

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1881.

The New Orleans Democrat says: The recent rise in Confederate bonds

the present rates. Having been kindly loangerous one.

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The single road leading past the money, but if the particular stock was the second largest crop ever from fifteen to twenty feet high. It has wanted by the bears is scarce, it will be raised in the United States. Since never been described in your columns, some of the bonds to identify them by sion of suspicious surprise. "Why are comparison. The following is the wording of the bond:

(To be continued.)

No. 7,463. CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

Loan authorized By section 6 of Feb 7, 1864, Act of Congress. On the First day of July, 1894, the Confederate States of America, will pay to the bearer of this bond at the seat of government, or at such place of deposit as may be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, the sum of One Thousand Dollars, with interest thereon from this at the rate of Six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of January and July in each

The Confederate States have, by an act approved February 1, 1864, enacted that the principal and interest whereof shall be free from taxation, and for the payment of the interest thereon, the entire net receipts of any export duty and the weather became intensely cold, hereafter laid on the value of all cotton, tobacco and naval stores, which shall be exported from the Confederate States, and the net proceeds of the import duties now laid on so much thereof, as may be necessary to pay annually the you in his being a priest? You told me interest, are hereby specially pledged, provided that the duties now laid upon imports, and hereby pledged, shall hereafter be paid in specie or in ster-

For Register of the Treasury. On the left of the bond, at a right angle with the body of the bond, are the words, "One thousand dollars," and on the right, "Siz per cent. per annum." Attached to the bond are sixty cou-She drew back from him burt by the pons, payable e my six months, from

1, 1865 1804 1, 1894 The cou-States of america : "Loan under activated along the lines of tents where dulgent toward my errors, even if I am Thirty Dollars for six months interest, due Jan. 1, 1865, on bond No. 7,403 for \$1,000. Ro. Tyler, register;" except the dates, which, of course, are all difnature. "I don't mean to be hard on you, ferent, beginning at Jan. 1, 1865, and

ending with July 1, 1894. trust the most devoted and most Odd Things Fished Up from Wreck s its office, New York city, a curious col- arms. Boots and saddles had not been lection of relics from old wrecks and sounded to prepare the men for duty. rude weapons of savage races, huge for their arms in the dark. To be sure, starfish, and many curious things, the they had been used to hardships, and use and purpose of which are still un- had never failed to respond to the call Rule Rock, on the Nova Scotia coast, on hesitate. Almost without waiting this depth the tunnel will fall away at 1,007 souls on board. There is also a turned out into the bitter cold and unhappily for both of them, he returned rusty, hiltless sword, dug out of the snow, ankledeep, in their night clothes, the opposite coast, when there will be on Squan Beach, N. J., in 1814. There determination which astonished their less than 200 feet beneath the channel my friend, for my sake; and be tolerant are also several bottles of sweet oil, assailants, who had expected to have an bed. The entire thickness of the chalk holding a pint and a-half each, with the original corks intact, and the oil as clear as crystal, taken in November. 1877. Robert, which went down in 1844, with to your horses!" ness of a woman's love she looked on a cargo of lead and oil and five of her both orders and directed their fire upon Up to this time experiment sustains the crew, off the place where Atlantic City now stands. There is a South Sea Island canteen, ingeniously constructed of cocoanut shells, which was fished up from coast of Maine; also a mussel shell firmly embedded four inches in depth in a well which was found one hundred and forty feet above the sea level on the Jersey coast, also a pelican's skull and of the row of tents occupied by Combill, measuring two feet from back to tip (making an excellent though wide dipper) which was found near the wreck of the bark Robert Fletcher, on the south | head through the tent when this order beach of Long Island, and which is said to have been used to bail out the boat raised his piece to his shoulder, and by the crew when endeavoring to es- fired at the officer giving the command. cape. The jaws of a shark, killed on the | The ball struck him near the eye and South Carolina coast, which have been crashed through his brain, and he fell preserved, can easily be placed over the | dead into the mouth of the tent, almost shoulders and down the body of a fullgrown man. One of the most curious relics is a lamp chimney taken from the rem ains of the ironclad Merrimac. Oysters three inches long were found attached to the glass, and four large oysters which had grown about the brass

The Shape of Bells.

and some old firearms are also incrusted

It is very likely that the shape of bells was suggested at first by the sono rous qualities of certain metallic vessels in household use, which when struck gave forth peculiar sounds. By different practical tests, it was found in time that the present conical form was the best adapted for the conveyance of sound of the bell founders it is stated that in fresh stream of blood crimson the the single department of church bells, the establishment has nearly one hun- they stood out during that hour was a wayside chapel to the deep notes that time cannot produce a more striking Roughly speaking, on this island they resound from the massive tower of the evidence of bravery and devotion.

known as "sweepboards." They are the camps at Harper's Ferry, and the made of pine, and have that part of struggling men knew that if they could pounds. their edge which comes in contact with | hold out for a little while relief would the mixture of clay and sand which has come. The troops at Harper's Ferry its wolves, wild cats, and foxes by offer of the debts and credits that should be federacy his name and daring deecs been dried on the mold lined with could see the flash of every gun and side. For those reasons I shrank from polished steel or sheet brass. These hear the crack of every death-dealing are made to revolve on their pivoted carbine. There was no relief there exends against the core casing and against the outside casing, until by their scrapless true that you surprised and disap ing action they symmetrically fashion the conflicting emotions of hope and animals, the reward offered for their pound are based on limited experience, to arrest a desperado in the Indian the mold coatings to their proper fear as to the fate of the courageous destruction being an incentive to breed guesses and impressions rather than on Territory. Captain Peevy is now a

closed the door, like a woman thunder-struck. Never yet had he looked at her old French law.

| Seeing intollicated three times deprives a was ordered pair into line. But before it could be ordered into line. But before it could reach night.

"FIRE ONLY AT HORSEMEN!"

Thrilling Account of a Fierce Fight During the Civil War. If the reader could stand on the great much to the name and fame it had iron bridge which spans the Potomac river at Harper's Ferry, and look upon Maryland heights towering from the river's brink 2.000 feet into the air, and crowned with a great stone fort, useful

They ware kept there as "as the crowflies" not m

uals to realize quite a sum of money at the sequel will show, was a very the lender of the stock, will pay A, the

ravine and declivity in the neighborbood of this isolated camp was, thereboth officers and men recognized the valent to the value of the stock. perils which would surround it all alarm. Both officers and men relapsed into a feeling of security, which made them more mind ul of their own comfort than of the dangers with which they were surrounded. About the 1st of January there was a heavy snowfall, snugly away at night as though going

to bed at home. I fear also that they were not very careful about their arms and ammunition. The 9th of January was very cold and the night which followed intensely dark. The snow carpet which covered the camp was the only relief to the In order that the price may not be great black veil which seemed to be forced up while they are themselves ling exchange, or in the coupons of drawn over the face of all nature. It buying, they lend stock freely to the Treasury in pursuance of the said act capture this battalion of cavalry, which, nearly all, of the particular stock of Congress, had hereunto set his hand oftener than any other, had met him in exists they call in their loans. The bears and affixed the seal of the treasury at the battle and dealt him hard blows. are then compelled to buy, and since no Richmond, this first day of March, He selected about four hundred of the stock, or very little, is for sale, the price best of his command and left camp, crossing the snow-clad mountains to the cornering party choose to put it. the right of Major Cole's camp. They came by by-paths and through ravines. avoiding the pickets on the Hillsborough road and finally capturing them from the rear before they had a

chance to fire a shot or alarm the camp. It was between 2 and 3 o'clock on the the Union cavalrymen were sleeping in fancied security, without even suspicion that an enemy was near. At a given signal a deadly fire was opened upon them. Naturally, all was confusion. The volley, which killed some of the men in their tents and

wounded others, was the first warning The Coast Wrecking Company has in of danger. There had been no call to

easy capture.

"Fire at every man on horseback!" The men obeyed every man on horseback, and this judicious action won them the day. When the Confederates found that they were to be resisted to the death, Cantain Smith, one of the principal officers in command of the attacking published. force, shouted to his men: "Fire the tents and shoot 'em by the light!" He was sitting on his horse near the head pany A. A sergeant of that company, who had been grouping for his carbine, had found it, and was just pushing his was given. He dropped on his knees,

fight in the snow continued, with varybitter cold, without clothing, suffered base of the chimney, form an irregular no man can tell, and yet they never square. The hilts of several swords wavered. The scene during the tight was simply indescribable. The men on both sides fought like tigers, and volley after volley was exchanged, the flash of the guns as each was discharged being the only relief to the somber darkness of the night. The shouts of the men engaged could be heard above the din of battle, and the groans of the wounded mingled strangely with the confusion of the strife. As each fresh volley would for a moment light up the camp with its sickening, death-like glare, some comrade would fall, and a Yet this little island has a population of snow. How the men fought and how 12,000 cattle, and has had that number

little band of veterans on the moun- and raise them. tain. The Thirty-fourth Massachusetts Being intoxicated three times deprives | was ordered to the rescue on a "double

the summit of Loudon heights the Con federates had been repulsed and Cole's cavalry had won the fight upon the snow clad mountain top that added

already gained .- Philadelphia Press. What a Corner Is.

A stock corner is thus explained by the New York Evening Post: The "bear element" in the market consists of all those who think that prices of securities period no record appears. rocks on the Virginia side known as are higher than they ought to be, The total yield of cotton in the Loudon heights, rising abruptly higher than they can permanently re- Southern States raising it for sixteen from the Shenandoah river to the main. In order to take advantage of years before the war was 49,106,000 bales, ending with the season of 1860height of more than 1,000 feet, and the unwarranted "inflation of values" as then upon Bolivar heights, standing they understand it, they borrow stocks 1861. For the sixteen years since the war, commencing with 1865-1866, and as a bold background to the desolate and sell them at the high prices previllage of Harper's Ferry, he could vailing, expecting to be able to buy ending with 1880-1881, the crops better appreciate the situation in which them in at lower prices before it bethis little band was placed at the time I comes necessary to return the borrowed will introduce them. He could better securities. For instance, A borrows age annual increase of 976,000 bales. realize its perils and understand the from B 1,000 shares of Hannibal & St. The crop in 1865-1866, it is true, was thrilling episode of which I am to Joseph, which is selling at sixty. A much smaller than that of 1860-1861, pays B \$60,000 cash and agrees to being but 2,278.000 bales, against return the stock on demand, when, of 3,849,000 in the latter season. This was encamped on the east face of course, the money will be refunded to falling off, however, is not as maked Loudon heights, a little more than two him. It is for B's interest to lend the as in some bad years previous out the South, where many of the bonds | miles by road from Harper's Ferry, but | stock, because he gets the interest on the half \$60,000 number the it real half exchild and 1871.72 the greatest proportionate falling off in the cotton crop even exside of the river, and their position, as money. Under ordinary conditions B,

man who had one and perhaps more, the Democrat publishes the text of it as a matter of interest, and also for the purpose of enabling any one having the mountain side and at times was alpurpose of enabling any one having the mountain side and at times was al- while the loan continues. In extreme most impassable. Loudon county was cases the lender may even get a com- 1880 81. In both these off-years the the fence, here and there, are bunks, the home of many of Mosby's most mission for the use of stock in addition daring officers and men. Every path, to the interest on the money which it represents. If the market fluctuates while the loan continues, the borrower fore, as familiar to Mosby and his men and lender settle with each other at the fore, as tamiliar to mosby and his men and letter seath with straw, but spearing in the straw in established here without reluctance, for money shall at all time be exactly equi-When the bears, or any portion through the weary winter. For a time them, have discerned a weak spot in the the men were cautious and never un- market—that is a security selling for dressed at night. Their arms were more than it is worth in their opinionkept always within reach and ready for they borrow and sell it liberally. Their

use, but the sense of danger, which all selling has the same effect in putting felt at first, wore off as the weeks went down the price as though the stock by and there was no attack, not even an | were absolutely their own, and their expectation is, that other holders observing a decline in the price will become alarmed and sell also, thus putting down the prices still more and frightening still other holders. They intend, of course, to buy enough at the lower scale of quotations to deliver back what they inclining the men to stow themselves have borrowed, pocketing the differ-It sometimes, though rarely, happens

that a few persons, discovering what the bears are about and believing that they (the bears) are strong enough to stand a heavy loss without breaking, quietly buy up all of a particular stock that exists. sell. When they have secured all. or smallest cotton growing State, having One was the missionary brigantine can be forced up to any figure at which The "shorts" must come up and settle on such terms as may be dictated to them. The last resort is to leave the cornering party saddled with the whole issue of the stock in question. Whether they make or lose by the operation will depend upon whether they can extort morning of the 10th of January that from the bears more than enough to Mosby captured the pickets and pre- compensate them for the loss they lose money, which has been gained meanwhile by the multitude who have taken advantage of the high prices to sell out. For this reason corners have latterly been of rare occurrence.

The tunnel between France and Engand has been pushed a mile under the other odd bits taken from the sea. The The crack of the enemy's guns was the hour, and it will take two years, from collection embraces quaint pieces of stern call to arms made upon these now to complete it. The first bore will furniture, explosive shells, and shells of sleeping men, with no time to reach for be between seven and nine feet in diamethe ocean, shreds of ladies' dresses, their clothing and almost less to grope ter, and will have to be enlarged for railway service. Besides the distance of eighteen and a quarter miles as the submarine line of the tunnel, there will known. The collection contains the of duty. Their pluck and endurance be about a mile and one quarter of broken bell brought up from the ill- were now subjected to the se- gradual descent from the surface on fated steamer Atlantic, of the White verest test known in modern war, either shore to the bottom of shafts Star line, which was wrecked on Golden and yet they did not flinch or which are nearly 300 feet deep. From April 1, 1873, with a loss of 557 out of for the orders of their officers the men a gentle slope, afterward pursuing a level course until a point is reached near sand eight years ago, near the hulk of and in most instances without shoes. another upward incline. The object is the British bark Thistle, which was lost They responded to the attack with a to keep a depth in the chalk at no time another upward incline. The object is deposit is known to be at least 500 feet at each of the two points of departure. was almost the first order of the com- There are scund geological reasons to from the wreck of the British bark manding officer. "Men, do not take suppose that this thickness is maintained through the intervening space. theory, and stockholders in the enterprise are delighted. Money is forthcoming as fast as required, and will not be denied while the engineers' reports continue as encouraging as those now

A young woman who was brought up at Brantford, Canada, without any knowledge of her father and mother. was finally taken to an insane asylum, from which she escaped, and became an adventuress of the most dime-novel character. First she figured as an "escaped nun" and found lecturing in that capacity very profitable. Then she was a persecuted saint from the Protestant fold and found that a very successful investment. Then she was a returned missionary from China, where she had achieved immense success in building up the Lord's kingdom. After this, she tried to elope with a 14-year brave men who were doing battle in the perty. Thence she declined into a conold boy, the heir of considerable prosumption, deceiving, by means of red cians themselves, who thought she was subject to hemorrhages. Se has been able conditions of weather has often slavers while coming to the islands and a frequent guest at Rideau Hall, the residence of Lord Lorne, and was detected just in time to prevent her marriage with a rich and brilliant lawyer of

Ottawa .- Free Press. Jersey Island, the place from which we obtain the favorite Jersey cow, is a small spot of land. If squared, it is six and three quarter miles each way. 60,000 human beings, and has over for the last twenty years, for the census have heard the cost per pound estimated formerly a citizen of Arkansas, resinant to the Choctaw line. He was manage to support one head of kine to Hardly had the flash from the first every acre. A good Jersey will yield volley died and the fight actually begun half her own weight in butter a yearside and outside contour of bells are before they heard the long-roll beat in she rarely exceeds 800 pounds, and her raises which regulate the instance of thousands of cotton before they heard the long-roll beat in she rarely exceeds 800 pounds, and her raises which requires than it is in New York. average weight at home is about 700 raisers, who go on year after year pursu- Federal troops on the charge of being a

has been to increase the number of these hears so frequently from 6 to 9 cents a be wounded, and that was while trying

KING COTION.

Figures and Facts Relating to the Growth The New York Mail says: "Judging from the statistics of cotton raising in the South, both previous to and since the civil war, "King Cotton" has held to the system of slavery now existing his undisturbed sway in that section, with only an interregnum of four years, many important facts that have not ap-

renders some of them." enters the port of Honolulu will see three objects there to which his eyes and his attention will be called. The first is the notorious slave pen on Fisherman's Point; the second is the penitentiary, not far distant, and the third is Dr. Damon's church, the pastor of which is commonly known as 'Old Father Damon.' The Honolulu folks point with pride to the church, look with veneration upon the penitentiarywhere most of them ought to be, if you have eyer heard them backbite each other -and with regard to the slave pen, that is

perienced took place, the yield amount borrower, something for the use of the 4,347,000 the preceding season, which crop was affected by drouth and by The former cause of damage probably will tend to reduce the crop somewhat this year, as none of the estimates range go as low as 5,175,000. The estimates of the Agricultural Bureau on acreage

and condition of crop as compared with those of last year would make it about the guard stands, and from there he is 5,370,000 bales. At the present stage in a position to give the alarm or shoot of the crop this seems a fair approximation to give the alarm or shoot the first serf that revolts. Form tion.

The entire acreage in the ten cotton
States planted to cotton this year is
15,392,096, a gain over last year of
the serfs were landed at the espharic (regular wharf) and driven this
Honolulu to the pen. It was for that this would not do, as the hele 64,496 acres. In 1871 the entire acre- looking condition of the 'emig age was about 8 666,217, giving an in- attracted the attention of streagers, crease of 6,725,879 acres in ten years, and produced in some instances pro For these ten years Texas shows the found sympathy for the miserable series

a gain of 1,642,065 acres. Louisiana is have built a long wharf out into the the only State which has reduced its shallow which connects with the pen. acreage in the same period, in which it and the peons never pass through the shows a loss of 4,060 acres. As compared with last year's acreage, directly from the slavers to the long North Carolina has increased 4 per cent., wharf, as we will call it. Louisiana 3 per cent., Texas 2 per cent. and Arkansas 1 per cent, while in June 12st you would have seen a char-Florida, Alabama and Tennessee there acteristic sight, startling in some of its is a falling off, in the latter State of 7 aspects. Lying at the old steamboat per cent., or 57,134 almost as large a wharf were two vessels—one ostensibly loss in one State as the gain in acreage engaged in saving the souls of men, was upon this night that Mosby had bears, and thus encourage the latter to of all the other States, Florida is the the other in enslaving their bodies.

According to the Financial Chronicle, a journal whose slaver Storm Bird, Capt. Tierney, flying cotton statistics are entitled to much the Hawaiian flag. confidence Texas is now the largest alongside of each other. On the cotton-producing State, having gror. in the season of 1880-81, 7. over one-third of the en though it then raised l of the crop, or 280,000 and Texas, produce 560. 1871, and 1,745,000 bale 1871, and 1,120,000 princrease of over 200 pr

cent, producing in 1871, x,560,000 and The crop of 1880 was, disposed of as

1,733,000 bales; total exported, 4,565bales was divided in the following propor- missionary craft—the consumption, in Northern mills only,

seen that in the Southern States there nity.' The Storm Bird is owned by the is now nearly as much cotton spinning Hawaiian Government. The Morning as in all the Northern States in 1841; Star was paid for, I believe, with ten cent that the amount of cotton consumed in contributions from the Protestant the Northern mills is larger by several school children in the United States. thousand bales than the entire exports of that year, and that the proportion of all people for the poor South Sea exports to the crop is reduced from 86 Islanders, who are held as degraded cent, of which the Southern States they are able to take care of themselves without reckoning 573,607 bales of cot-ton from India and 254,000 from Egypt, the Mexicans, and there are quite a

acre throughout the ten States, is about the Norwegians and others, but being one-third of a bale of about 450 pounds | white men they can probably be heard. weight. In Arkansas and Louisiana, But no hearing can alleviate however, the average yield in 1880 was their considerably over one-half bale per may be simply acre. Virginia, Missouri, Indian Terri- obedience. garded as cotton-growing States, had, Consul, nobody to represent them, and n 1880, it is estimated, an area aggre- as they are ignorant of both the Hagating 94 378 acres planted to cotton waiian and English languages, they are which produced 49,100 bales. The ex- virtually deaf and dumb, and are driven cellence of this yield is probably due to about by signs, precisely like beasts of the fact that planters who place their burden. In their own islands they mein dependence upon other staples, never labored beyond ushing and pickhave as a fancy crop a small field of cot- ing cocoanuts enough to sustain life. ton, which is better cared for than that | They were free and independent men. upon the great cotton plantations can pos- subject alone to the call of their chief. sibly be. As an example of this it may When arriving on the plantations they be added that in Orleans Parish, Louisi- find they must work from daylight to

be n discussed, but generally without on the plantations, is frightful. They arriving at very definite results. At- at times die off like sheep that have the tempts have been made many times to rot. They are a sad sight as they arinduce growers of cotton to reckon rive, and to see them with tin labels closely all the expenses of a crop from around their necks, and numbers the time the ground is opened until the thereon to designate them, as they balos are shipped to market, but like far- along, dejected and aimless looking mers everywhere they are either averse a sight that would move any heart (to the trouble of figuring the detailed hardened) with pity. cost of their operations, or are ignorant of what expenditures should or should not be taken into a ccount. A correspondent of the New York Times, in a Texas, the champion wielder of the pr recent letter from Atlanta, says: "I in a close fight is Captain Joe Pee all the way from 21 to 9 cts The lower estimate represents a possi- deputy United States marshal bility already realized by a few of the long time, and often had the command best farmers, and open to many; the of a posse when that was more dangerhigher a discouraging fact, drawn from ous business than it is in New York. ing the same loose system of cultivation, spy, court-martialed, and sentenced to and producing one bale to three or four | be shot. He made his escape, and from Wisconsin has been trying to destroy acres." He goes on to enumerate a few that time until the downfall of the Coning a reward for every one killed, and taken into account, and concludes with were well known in both armies. Sevwithin six months has expended nearly the assertion, "Nobody has thought it enty men have fallen at the report of \$8,000 in this way. But those who seem to know, say that the only result large scale. The estimates that one encounters he was known only once to

SOUTH SEA SLAVES.

Peonage as it Exists in the Hawaiian Islands. The San Francisco Chronicle publishes an interview with a gentleman lately from Honolulu, in which he is reported as saying : "I have read every in the Sandwich Isla ids. There are peared in print, and I will give your

"The Englishman or American who its type, that is, it is simply a vast bar-

for the time being. The pen incloses a large area of ground. And is surcommon wooden troughs they might be called, where the 'contract' creatures huddle. Some are furnished by themselves with rough bedding, others are filled with straw, but speaking moderwould furnish them with better quarters. At a significant point in the pen is a small fortress, we will call it, where

greatest gain. In 1871 Texas had but from persons who had never seen such 900,937 acres against 2,433,002 this year, human degradation before. Now they streets of Honolulu, but are taken "If you had been in Honolulu in

> and flying the American flag, the other was what some commonly called the missionary vessel prayers were said 000 bales, daily, and hymns were sung and the Lord was praised for all his mercies. tenth Everything was in order and the fare slaver there was an ominous silence.

two and surroundings were luxurious enough nsas for, princes of the church.' On the Chains, tire-arms and a small howitze were among her ornaments, a tartling contrast to the engage in the work of man that is the correct term-and on

ollows: Exports to Great Britain, for the South Scas (Micronesin) to 2.832,000 bales; to the continent, engage in the work of soul-savingthat is the correct term for it I suppose. 000 bales; home consumption, Northern The slaver went out to sea without mills, 1,713,000 bales; Southern mills, song or hymn; the missionary vessel 230,000 bales; total crop, 6,606,000 bales. | went out to sea praising the Lord. The In 1841-42 the entire crop of 1,684,000 very men who sang hymns on the tions: Total exports, including 936,000 | lulu-were the very men who furnished bales to Great Britain and 529,000 bales | the chains, the shot-guns and the howitto the continent, 1,465,000 bales; home | zer for the slaver. Many outsiders, who is an infamous burlesque on what ought Comparing these figures it will be to be a civilized and Christian commu-

"Here let me ask the sympathies of

per cent. to 69 per cent. In other words, slaves on the Sandwich Islands. The we retain and manufacture 31 per cent., other serfs can in some way be heard. nstead of 14 per cent. of the crop, a gain The Chinese coolies are, perhaps, better of 15 per cent. only in forty years, 3 per off than they were in China; anyway, gained. Great Britain, on the other and they have more than once thrown hand, has increased her cotton manufac- defiance in the face of the Hawaiian tures 300 per cent. during the same pe- Government; the Portuguese have a riod upon American cotton alone, of sort of Consul in Honolulu and also which she took 2.832,000 bales in 1880, the bishop of the Catholic Church to number on the islands now, have also a The general average of cotton to the Consul. I don't know how it is about counseled ory and Kentucky, not usually re- South Sea Islanders. They have no of cotton in They are a simple, child-like race, and not being incred to hardship they The question of the cost per pound of find their chains cutting into them. raising cotton, under ordinarily favor- The mortality among them, both on the

A Slaver of Seventy Men. According to the Express of Atla well-digested data, but they are at least citizen of Oregon, where he is reported near the truth, as I think will be shown to have killed five roughs who recently There is one advantage about false with sufficient clearness by a comparison attacked him. Yet with all this he is